

PATENT  
Attorney Docket No. 101.0078-00000  
Customer No. 22882

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: ) Confirmation No.: 5619  
Gary K. Michelson )  
Serial No.: 09/593,591 ) Group Art Unit: 3774  
Filed: June 13, 2000 ) Examiner: Paul B. Prebilic  
For: MANUFACTURED MAJOR LONG )  
BONE RING IMPLANT SHAPED )  
TO CONFORM TO A PREPARED )  
INTERVERTEBRAL )  
IMPLANTATION SPACE )

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Sir:

**REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION**

In reply to the Office Action dated April 1, 2009, the period for reply having been extended for three (3) months by a request for extension and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, Applicant submits the following remarks:

**Remarks** begin on page 2 of this paper.

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